

# **BUTTONWOOD BONSAI CLUB**

## **NEWSLETTER**

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**Club meeting location is at the Community Center at Whispering Pines Park, Inverness, FL.**

**August 2017**

The Club meeting is the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month starting at 9:30 a.m.

July's meeting got off to a slow start. I got to the Community Center and the door was locked. Darwin and I drove around the Park and found a groundskeeper who agreed to open the building. We got into the building and quickly got set up. 18 people attended the meeting.

Our Treasurer, Rosemary wasn't able to attend the July meeting. She was absent due to her husband Andy's health issues. The Club wants to wish Andy good health and hope he gets better soon. Treasurer's report is around \$2,075. We'll get an accurate report when Rosemary returns. Another one of our Club members, Evelyn Stoneseifer is ailing and rehabilitating. Clay said Evelyn is considering getting rid of all her bonsai items and he will speak with her to find out about her plans for selling her bonsai.

About two years ago the Club sponsored a Club bonsai related sale and it went very well. I'd like to have another sale and get some publicity out trying to attract others who might be interested in bonsai trees and related items. Stay tuned for updates.

I sent around a sign up sheet for cleaning up the meeting room after each meeting. There hasn't really been a problem with cleanup but I would like to have two people responsible each meeting.

There was a discussion about the importance of showing and helping the new members to pot up bonsai plants etc. If we want to grow the club, getting them started is critical.

For our August meeting we will have David VanBuskirk from D&L Nursery speak. We're not going to have a raffle. When David spoke last year we ran out of time and everyone was wanting more. So we'll try to devote a majority of the meeting to David.

Bob Eskeitz has the September program. The program is about carving bonsai trees. If you have a larger piece of tree and would like Bob to do some carving on it bring it to the September meeting.

Well I'm working on 2018 program schedule. I have a few ideas but really want your input. Our

programs should be about topics you are really interested in. Let me know what you would like to see for a program.

October's program will be presented by Tom Brantley who will demonstrate making a forest.

August 12 is a trip to RedMan's Bonsai Nursery. Formerly Bonsai at Pasimanan. Most of us just call it Cliff's nursery. Bob said he had been out to Cliff's and found some great deals. The prices are very reasonable given the size of the trunks of his pre-bonsai material. So if you are interested in going to RedMan's Nursery we've scheduled August 12 (Saturday) to go there We plan on meeting at the Nursery at 10a. Address is: 18700 Lake lola Road, Dade City, FL 33523. The phone number is 813-713-0372.

SHOW AND TELL: Darwin showed his cypress "literati". The bonsai style where the tree is shaded, usually in woods, and growing tall searching for the light. Clay showed a Ficus Wiandi. Virginia showed us her mini Crepe Myrtle.

July's program was a follow up to the "visualization" attempted at the June meeting. I say attempted as it did not really go off very well. I learned! The remainder of the meeting was a workshop for those who brought in trees. I want to thank our more experienced Bonsai members for helping others with their trees.

When we signed up to use the community center at Whispering Pines the only Saturday available to us was the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month. Well this is a problem as three holidays fall on the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. Our delimina, do we have a meeting on Memorial, Thanksgiving and Christmas weekends? Rather than skip three meeting each year (holidays) we decided to have meetings. Having said all that, I need two ideas for our November and December meetings. I'm suggesting we have a pot luck carry-in (food) at the December meeting. Email me and let me know if you would like to provide a program for either the November or December meeting or if you would like some type of food carry-in for December.

Clay said a past member, Al Harnage, wants to donate a group of Serrissa plants to our club. His only request is that we don't raffle them. The Club would probably sell them. We'll talk about this at a future meeting.

**PLEASE NOTE: NO** raffle at the August meeting. David VanBuskirk will be speaking and we want to give him **LOTS** of time for his preentation.

Programs for the remainder of the year are:

Aug 26, D&L Nursery, Dave VanBuskirk

Sept 23, Tree carving. Bob Eskeitz

Oct 28, Work shop by Tom Brantley

Nov 25 (no topic yet)

Dec 23 (no topic yet, considering a Christmas party)

## **ADDITIONS TO THE NEWSLETTER**

I would really like to add your information and experiences to our Newsletter. Send me a write up or some notes (maybe even a picture) and I'll include it in the Newsletter. I think it would be great to let the Club members know about what you've been working on. Did you recently visit a Bonsai garden, or found an exciting website, or had a conversation with another Bonsai enthusiast? This would be interesting to our readers. If you have any information or articles that could be of interest to our members, please contact Jim Meister so that he can place them in the newsletter for everyone to read.

## **Officers for 2017**

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**Bonsai tools for sale;** Shears, concave cutters, wire cutters, knob cutters and others.  
Contact Bob Eskeitz for information and prices. (352) 587-4215 or [bonsaibobs@hotmail.com](mailto:bonsaibobs@hotmail.com).